

REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION
FOR THE
RENSSELAER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN REGARD TO ACTIONS BEING
CONSIDERED BY THE SESSION

During the last several weeks, both COMAC and the Trustees have received several communications pertaining to 1) the sale of the Rensselaer Presbyterian church manse to Rev. David Moore, 2) a request to merge the Rensselaer Presbyterian Church into Cornerstone Community Church, (an already existing federated church between a Presbyterian and Methodist congregations) and 3) a proposal from the session to award Rev. Moore a severance package and to dissolve the church. The contents of the communications conflicted with each other and some of the recommendations are problematic as they stand in the view of COMAC, the President of the Trustees and presbytery legal counsel.

It is therefore recommended by COMAC that an Administrative Commission be appointed by the Moderator of Presbytery, to work with the session to properly conclude the sale of the manse, to dissolve the pastoral relationship of Rev. Moore with Rensselaer Presbyterian Church and to clarify the relationship of Rensselaer Presbyterian Church to the Cornerstone Community Church. Presbytery further authorizes the AC to assume original jurisdiction if they believe it is necessary to address the issues raised by the communications that have been received from the church.